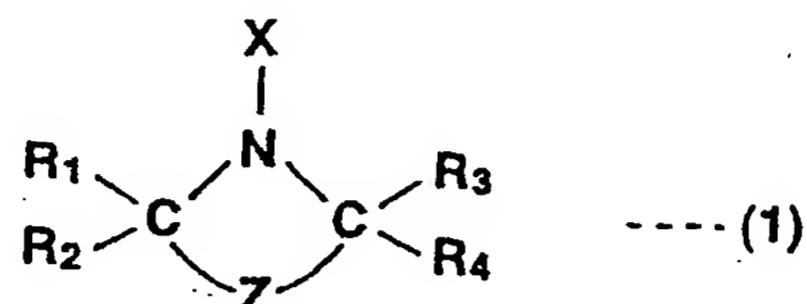


12. (Amended) A recording medium having an ink receiving layer formed on a substrate wherein said ink receiving layer comprises a compound expressed by the general formula (1) below and a hydrazide group compound



wherein X is hydrogen, an oxy radical group, hydroxyl group, alkyl group, alkenyl group, alkynyl group, aryl group, acyl group, sulfonyl group, sulfanyl group, alkoxy group, aryloxy group, or acyloxy group; R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ are hydrogen or an alkyl group respectively; and Z is a non-metallic atom group necessary in order to complete a 5 to 7 member ring.

Please add the following new claim

27. (New) A recording medium described in Claim 12 wherein any two groups among R¹ to R⁴ and Z forms a 5 to 7 member ring by mutual bonding.

REMARKS

The above amendatory action is taken for the purpose of formalities and avoiding claim fees that would otherwise accrue due to the presence of multiple dependent claims.

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